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| OLIGONUCLEOTIDES AND THEIR      | ) |                       |
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**AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 27, 2007 and the Examiner's Advisory Action dated June 13, 2008, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendment to the claims begins on page 2 of this amendment.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this amendment.